

# SABBA Board takes on revival challenge



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***Dear valued member of SABBA, Boerboel friends and members of the public globally.***

***The SABBA Board provides the following factual information on current issues concerning the Association.***

## STATUS REPORT AND STATEMENT

### **SABBA status report**

- SABBA is 100% functional, and is conducting business as usual.
- SABBA is financially sound; retains all the infrastructure and means to sustain service levels; and further plans to invest in technological infrastructure to improve service levels substantially.
- All appraisal days and Boerboel shows will continue, as published.
- Some Board members have resigned their positions, but the Board remains well represented. The remaining Board members will continue to serve and look after the best interests of the Boerboel and SABBA.
- Members are welcome to contact the Office (056 212 9000) or the Chairman (082 927 0021) for further information.

### **Statement**

#### **The AGM scheduled for 2008/02/23**

- The Chairman called off the AGM, following a motion from the floor that the meeting was not constituted properly due to shortcomings in the notice period and agenda.
- A group of concerned breeders and members convened an informal meeting, and drafted a list of concerns that were submitted to the Board for consideration.
- Lukas van Vuuren facilitated the discussions, and was requested to attend and mediate at the Board meeting held on 2008/03/07.
- The outcome of this meeting will be communicated to the next Annual General Meeting.

#### **New Boerboel organisation**

- The SABBA Board notes with disappointment the founding of a fourth South African Boerboel organisation.

#### **The way forward**

- SABBA has reached a point in its existence where it will differentiate itself in the area of excellence in regard to breed improvement.
- After completion of the very necessary process of consolidation and renewal, members can expect improved service levels, as well as scientifically and technologically advanced interventions – in order to support breed improvement.
- Improved service levels include that SABBA is exploring the broader field of electronic participation by members, especially in respect of voting and decision-making. Thus, SABBA would be a breeders' association run by its members.
- We urge loyal SABBA members and supporters to spread the word that the organisation is at the brink of being revived like never before.
- We further invite suggestions from SABBA members and members of the public – we value your input.

The only given in life is *Change*. Over time no sustainable growth is possible without *Change*. Embrace it!!

**Frans du Toit**

**Chairman: SABBA Board**